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### AUDIT REPORT: CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

**Audit Report Released.** The State Auditor's Office recently released a report on a special investigation of the Center for Behavioral Health (CBH) for the period January 1, 2011, through May 21, 2013. The CBH is a private, outpatient organization, based in Idaho that focuses on treating substance abuse and has treatment centers in Iowa.

**Background.** The [Iowa Department of Public Health](#) (IDPH) requested a report based on the alleged use of the [Access to Recovery](#) Program funds for personal purposes by the former Executive Director of the CBH. The Access to Recover Program is funded through a grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA).

**Findings.** The Auditor's Office identified \$131,000 of improper and unsupported reimbursements to CBH by the IDPH under the Program. The former executive Director of the Des Moines CBH was diverting funds intended for patient services and products for personal use and falsifying supporting documentation.

**Recommendations.** To strengthen the internal controls of both organizations, the Auditor's Office recommended that the IDPH ensure that subrecipients implement procedures to segregate duties to the extent possible and ensure that subrecipients require original invoices and receipts to support expenditures for the purchase of goods and services for the Access to Recovery Program. The IDPH should also implement procedures to ensure such documentation is periodically reviewed as part of its subrecipient monitoring procedures.

**Additional Information.** The complete audit report on the Center for Behavioral Health is available on the State Auditor's [website](#).

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